

EASTERN AIRLINES

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 March, 1960	2. LOCATION SSW of Evansville, Indiana	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0224Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE Stationary
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A bright flaring light high in the southern sky was reportedly observed. Light flared up and disappeared quickly. No direction or speed was given. Object seemed stationary. Witness was in an a/c heading NE.		11. COMMENTS There was very little information reported concerning an alleged sighting. There is the possibility that the witness, if there was one, saw a very high meteor. Questionnaires were sent to EAL for completion by the pilot who was reported to have observed the object. Forms were returned, blank, with the statement that the pilots in the vicinity of Evansville on this night did not report sighting a UFO. Therefore, there is not sufficient information to conclude the nature of the object.

AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO:
ATTC OF: AFCIN-4X2/Captain McNeill/59117

SUBJECT: Extract from ATIC Duty Officers Report

7 March 1960

To: AFCIN-4E2

Following is an extract from ATIC Duty Officer, 1/Lt R C Kimball report dated 5 Mar to 6 Mar 60 for your information:

2245 Received telephone message from Capt B. F. Dula, ext 51107, Military Flight Services, W-P AFB. He stated that he had received a report from St Louis ARTC regarding an unidentified sighting by an Eastern Airlines Pilot. Details obtained are as follows: EAL Flt 6403 (or possibly aircraft tail number). Time of occurrence: 0224Z 6 Mar 60. Location: Aircraft NE bound just SSW of Evansville, Indiana. Pilot stated that he saw a bright flaring light high in southern sky which flared up quickly and disappeared quickly. No direction or speed apparent. Appeared to be stationary. No further information obtained, not even pilot's name. In as much as so little data was obtained and report was third hand I elected not to use Form 164. Captain Dula stated that he tried to get additional information as to object size, etc. but was unsuccessful. No further details available.

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AFCIN-4X2

AFSIN-502

UFO Sighting

Eastern Airlines

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Radio City
New York, New York

1. On 7 March 1960, a report of an unidentified flying object by an Eastern Airlines pilot was relayed to Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center from St Louis AFSC. The only identification of the witnesses is that they were the crew of Eastern Airlines flight 6403 (or possibly aircraft tail number), and location of the aircraft as northeast bound 30W of Evansville, Ind.
2. It is requested that if the crew of the above flight can be identified from the information, the attached forms be completed by those witnesses and returned directly to Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, United States Air Force (AFSIN-502), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Sincerely

PHILIP C. EVANS
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Deputy for Sciences and Components

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Deputy for Sciences and Components
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

REFERENCE: AFCIN-4E2

Dear Colonel Evans:

We regret our delay in acknowledging your letter of March 15 but we have been checking every way possible to determine whether one of our pilots reported the unidentified flying object on March 7.

We do not have an airplane 6403 and we did not have a flight 6403 on the date in question. All pilots in the vicinity of Evansville on April 7 have been questioned and all deny having made such a report.

We are returning the questionnaire attached to your reference letter.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]
Vice President - Operations

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Enclosure